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(a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the estimated crop loss on account of floods in river Godavari are 7557 hectares.

(b) 14 districts viz. Adilabad, Anantapur, Khammam, Krishna, Kurnool, Mehabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nellore, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Rangareddy, Visakhapatnam and Warangal.

(c) The State Government has reported that 61 persons have died due to natural calamities from June, 2000 onwards and that deaths due to natural calamities are covered by Apathbandhu Insurance Scheme. The next of kin of the deceased gets paid Rs. 1.00 lakh.

Shrimp and fish culture

2052. SHRI BJ. PANDA:

SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have launched some units of shrimp and fish culture in the country;

(b) whether these projects are assisted by World Bank;

(c) if so, the States where these projects are being launched;

(d) whether any such project is being launched in Orissa during last five years;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the aid and assistance received for these projects;

(f) to what extent the private sector has been involved in shrimp production in that State; and

(g) the target set for shrimp production and export from Orissa during Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) A Project on Shrimp & Fish Culture is under implementation with assistance from the World Bank in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Under this World Bank Project shrimp sites are being

developed at Jagatjore-Banapada (Kendrapara District) with total water spread area of 283 hectares. Under fish component 55 reservoirs in the State covering a water spread area, of 24436 hectares have been taken up for development. An amount of Rs. 1894. 25 lakhs has so far been disbursed to the State up to March, 2000 as World Bank credit.

(f) The State Government has reported that an area of about 12589 hectares is under shrimp production, which is undertaken by the private sector/entrepreneurs and farmers in the State.

Targets set for shrimp production and exports from Orissa during the first three years of Ninth Plan are given below:—

s. No.	Year	Target for shrimp production (MT)	Export from Orissa (MT)
1.	1997-1998	7400	10,158 valued at Rs. 248.28 crores
2.	1998-1999	7850	9,411 valued at Rs. 275.33 crores
3.	1999-2000	7000	9,567 valued at Rs. 332.95 crores

The targets for the remaining two years of the Ninth Plan are being finalized by the State Government.

Settlement of dues and job to the dependents of missing persons

2053. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy have not settled dues, so far, in respect of employees reported missing since 1992; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Department of Atomic Energy have also not offered any job to the dependents of such employees; if so, the reasons therefor; and